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SUBJECT: TURKEY SUPPORTS PSI AND WANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN
DECEMBER MEETING IN WASHINGTON

REF: A. ANKARA 6112

[B](#). STATE 272470

[C](#). ANKARA 5681

[D](#). STATE 254587

[1](#). This is an urgent action request. MFA Disarmament Head of Department Bulent Meric told PolMilOff December 4 that after much consideration the GOT had decided to support the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI). Nevertheless, it still had many questions about what partnership entailed. Meric said the GOT expected to be invited to the Dec. 16-17 meeting in Washington to learn more about it.

[2](#). Later December 4, the Embassy received the following dip note:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey presents its compliments to the Embassies of the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, France, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America and with reference to the joint initiative of the Embassies of the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, the Republic of France, Spain and the United Kingdom dated September 23, 2003 and the US Embassy's fax message dated September 26, 2003 concerning the Proliferation Security Initiative, has the honor to inform the esteemed Embassies that the Government of Turkey has decided to support, in principle, the abovementioned initiative.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be most pleased to receive further information on the modalities of participation in the Proliferation Security Initiative as well as an invitation to the forthcoming Experts Meeting, which is envisaged to be held in December 2003, in the United States of America.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassies of the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, the Republic of France, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

[2](#). Action Request: Please advise whether the GOT can be invited to the Dec. 16-17 meeting and if so, issue an invitation letter.

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